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SUBJECT: SOVIETS MAKE PUBLIC OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATION IN
WEST BERLIN EVENTS SPONSORED BY FRG.

1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, AS WELL AS WEST BERLIN PRESS, MARCH 20 CARRIED ADN RELEASE ATTRIBUTED TO SOVIET EMBASSY EAST BERLIN PRESS SECTION, DECLARING THAT SOVIET UNION WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY WEST BERLIN EVENTS IN WHICH FRG IS COLLABORATOR OR COSPONSOR. STATEMENT ALLEGED THAT MAYOR NEUBAUER HAD INFORMED PRESS MARCH 5 THAT SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN JANUARY HORSE SHOW INDICATED USSR HAD PARTICIPATED IN GREEN WEEK. EMBASSY DENIED THIS WAS SO AND INSISTED THAT PARTICIPATION IN HORSE SHOW WAS AGREED TO ONLY AFTER EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT THE RIDING SHOW WAS NOT UNDER AUSPICES OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND EVENT HAD NO DIRECT CONNECTION WITH GREEN WEEK.

2. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO SENAT CHANCELLERY, THERE IS NO RECORD OF ANY STATEMENT BY NEUBAUER ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN SOVIET PRESS STATEMENT. ON THE CONTRARY, IT WAS NEUBAUER WHO TOLD SOVIET COUNSELLER BELETSKIY IN A
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PRIVATE CONVERSATION JANUARY 16 THAT THE HORSE SHOW AND GREEN WEEK WERE SEPARATE EVENTS WHICH HAPPENED TO TAKE PLACE THE SAME WEEK, NOTWITHSTANDING REPORTS BY RIAS AND SFB (BERLIN 117). SOVIET EMBASSY, THEREFORE, APPARENTLY HAS ISSUED STATEMENT NOT ONLY TO RESTATE ITS WELL- KNOWN VIEWS ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT' S ROLE IN SPONSORSHIP OF WEST BERLIN EVENTS, BUT ALSO PRESUMABLY TO PORTRAY NEUBAUER IN UNFAVORABLE LIGHT. KLEIN

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